# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

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REFINING CAPACITY OF OIL REFINERIES
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) the refining capacity of the refineries in the country;

(b) whether this capacity is much more in comparison to the requirement of petroleum products;

(c) if so, the reasons for increasing more refining capacity than the requirement of the country; and

(d) the details of the production capacity installed in private and public sector out of the above production capacity?

## Answer

Minister of state in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (Shri dinsha patel)

(a) The refining capacity of the refineries in the country as on 1.3.2007 is 148.97 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The refining sector was delicensed in 1998 and since then companies consider proposals for setting up refineries based on availability of crude oil, domestic demand, export potential of petroleum products and other commercial considerations.

Higher refining capacity over and above the domestic requirement will boost export earnings from export of petroleum products through value addition, and will enhance energy security of the country.

(d)The details of the installed production capacity is given in Annex.